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Letter dated 9 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the official communiqué issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela on the occasion of the announcement by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization of the signing of the interim peace agreement.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 30 and 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Adolfo R. TAYLHARDAT
Permanent Representative
of Venezuela

ANNEX

Communiqué issued on 9 September 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela on the occasion of the signing, by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, of the Declaration of Principles

The Government of Venezuela welcomes with deep satisfaction the decision of the Government of Israel and the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to sign an interim peace agreement which will permit Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho.

Given the historic importance of this agreement, the National Government extends its congratulations to the principal parties involved in this process, which constitutes the first step towards a regional, lasting and definitive peace. In particular, it wishes to acknowledge the hard work of the negotiators representing all the parties involved, in achieving a settlement which will have a tremendous impact on the current international scene and which is a reflection of a new era for a world that, despite its complexity, is still striving for peace.

The Government of Venezuela, in keeping with the country's peace-loving tradition, urges the parties involved in this process to make every effort to continue the negotiations aimed at reaching agreements that would bring a comprehensive peace to the Middle East, a region consisting of friendly countries with which Venezuela maintains close ties.